Subject: Roman gold coins found in a basalt quarry

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Boardman, Pa., Jan. 16, 1922.

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Numismatic Department,
New York Museum of Fine Arts,
New York City.

Sirs:-

When serving with the Army of Occupation in the Rhineland during 1919 I made the acquaintance of a man in whose basalt quarry workings a considerable number of Roman and Frankish coins have been discovered. I recently wrote him with request that I be informed as to the value he placed on certain Roman gold coins which had been discovered as mentioned above, but he sends me a list of a collection of Roman, mediaeval and modern coins which he states he desires to sell in its entirety. The weight he states is about 650 grams. I do not care for anything but Roman currency, and as the collection (list enclosed) may contain certain pieces of value to a collection, I am forwarding it to you to ascertain whether you could use it.

The description given is perhaps not as fully detailed as might be desirable from a professional collector's point of view, but more complete information could be obtained if required. The price for the lot is $2,200.00. Perhaps that price might be scaled down a little. I do not know the value of gold per gram. Delivery could be obtained through the Army of Occupation.

Very respectfully:

C. E. Whitney

1 incl.

January 25th, 1922

C. E. Whitney, Esq.
Potts Run Coal Company
Boardman, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We see nothing in the list of enclosed coins that we want, and we know of no one in this country who would care to buy all of them as any collector sufficiently interested would have a large number of these pieces. 650 grams of gold is worth from $400 to $500; and as many of the coins on the list are common, I should say that $1,000 was a very good price.

I am sorry that I am unable to help you out further.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Encs.